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SUBJECT: TEXTILE CLASSIFICATION: ENTIRETIES

SEVERAL IMPORTERS HAVE RAISED QUESTION CONCERNING SETS  
CONSISTING OF WOVEN SHIRTS, IMPORTED WITH KNIT TOPS, BEING  
CLASSIFIED AS ENTIRETIES UNDER TSUS NUMBER FOR KNITS;  
THUS WOVEN SHIRTS ARE ALSO CLASSED UNDER KNIT TSUSA  
NUMBER. THIS HAS BEEN A PREVAILING PRACTICE FOR SEVERAL  
YEARS, ADOPTED AFTER COURT DECISIONS. TEN-YEAR-OLD PROBLEM  
INTENSIFIED BY CURRENT FASHION. ONE IMPORTER, REPRESENTED  
BY SIEGEL, MANDEL AND DAVIDSON (HARRY ISAACS) HAS 30,000  
DOZEN SETS ON ORDER FROM KOREA. PRESUMABLY KOREA VISAING  
WOVEN SHIRT AS 640 AND KNIT TOP AS 638. IF SO, GOODS WILL  
BE EMBARGOED SINCE ENTIRETY RULE PLACES BOTH GARMENTS IN  
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ISAACS IS CONSIDERING SUIT IN DISTRICT COURT FOR SUMMARY  
JUDGMENT TO HAVE CUSTOMS ENTER SETS WITHOUT 638 VISA FOR  
WOVEN SHIRT PORTION OF SHIPMENT OR VISA WAIVER. BEFORE  
FILING SUIT, ISAACS HAS ASKED FOR A NOT KNIT SHIRT TSUSA  
ANNOTATION UNDER TSUS 380.81, KNIT SHIRTS. 484-E  
COMMITTEE IS NOT PREPARED TO PROVIDE ANNOTATION, CITING

POSSIBLE PROLIFERATION OF ANNOTATIONS IN THIS TSUS NO. AS  
WELL AS OTHER TSUS NOS.

DISTRICT COURT SUIT COULD LEAD TO DECISION REQUIRING  
ENTRY BY CUSTOMS OF ITEMS VISAED AS 640 UNDER 638, THUS  
CAUSING DISPARITIES BETWEEN U.S. AND KOREAN STATISTICS.  
KOREA COULD SOLVE PROBLEM BY REQUIRING PARTS OF SETS TO  
BE SHIPPED SEPARATELY. PROBLEM MAY ALSO EXIST FROM OTHER  
EXPORTING COUNTRIES AND MAY BE RAISED DURING CURRENT  
TEXTILE TRIP. VANCE

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